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SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Health to designate special care nursing facility to treat patients with psychiatric and substance use disorders dual diagnosis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning special care nursing facilities and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Commissioner of Health shall identify four facilities,
8 one of which shall be an existing free-standing special care nursing
9 facility that is located in a city of the first class, and three of which
10 shall be evenly distributed geographically throughout the State, to
11 be designated as facilities for the treatment of patients who are
12 dually diagnosed with psychiatric and substance use disorders. A
13 special care nursing facility seeking designation shall apply to the
14 commissioner for designation and shall demonstrate to the
15 satisfaction of the commissioner that the facility can provide
16 appropriate care to patients with a dual diagnosis.

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18 2. The Commissioner of Health may, in accordance with the
19 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
20 seq.), adopt any rules and regulations as the commissioner deems
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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23 3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall establish a
24 reimbursement rate sufficient to cover the cost of care provided to
25 patients pursuant to section one of this act.

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27 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
28 month next following the date of enactment, except that the
29 Commissioner of Health may take any anticipatory administrative
30 action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of
31 this act.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to identify four
37 facilities, one of which is to be an existing free-standing special
38 care nursing facility that is located in a city of the first class, and
39 three of which are to be evenly distributed geographically
40 throughout the State, to be designated as facilities for the treatment
41 of patients who are dually diagnosed with psychiatric and substance
42 use disorders. A facility seeking designation would apply to the
43 commissioner for designation, and would need to demonstrate to the
44 satisfaction of the commissioner that the facility can provide
45 appropriate care to patients with a dual diagnosis. The
46 Commissioner of Human Services would establish a reimbursement
47 rate sufficient to cover the cost of care provided to patients pursuant
48 to the bill.